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Art Unit : 3724  
 Examiner : Clark F. Dexter  
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 Appln. No. : 09/586,943  
 Filing Date : June 2, 2000  
 Confirmation No. : 6561  
 For : AUTOMATIC COVER LATCH AND PRESSURE RELIEF  
 SYSTEM FOR A DOUGH DIVIDER

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2003 in the above-identified application.

Any fee for additional claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Col. 1		Col. 2	Col. 3	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total Claims	*66	Minus	**62	=4	x \$9	\$ 36	x \$ 18	\$
Independent Claims	*6	Minus	***6	=0	x \$43	\$0	x \$ 86	\$
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims \$145					\$0	x \$290	\$	
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1.  Small entity status of this application 37 CFR §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted or is enclosed.
2.  No additional fee is required.
3.  A fee in the amount of \$36.00 is due.
4.  Please charge any fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16 2463. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2003, Applicant responds as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.